

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending; Claims 1, 2, 6-9, and 13-17 are amended; and Claims 18-20 are newly added. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, previously pending Claims 1-17 were allowed.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-17.

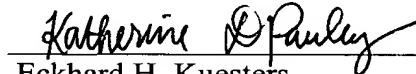
Claims 1, 8, and 15 have been amended to remove certain features to thereby broaden these claims. Claims 6, 13, 16, and 17 have been amended to address minor informalities. Claims 2 and 7 have been amended to depend from Claim 18, and Claims 9 and 14 have been amended to depend from Claim 19. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by these amendments to Claims 1, 2, 6-9 and 13-17.

Additionally, Claims 18-20 are newly added to recite the features previously recited in Claims 1, 8, and 15, respectively. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by Claims 18-20, and that Claims 18-20 are in condition for allowance.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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